

Dear members of the FCC, I am emailing you in regards to the possibility of loosing the XM Instant Traffic and Weather reporting. I am deeply troubled by this.

Let me explain to you the importance of this service that my husband and I PAY for. My husband drives truck for a living, and thus has always relied heavily on AM radio for traffic updates and weather forecasts. Since XM Radio has offered these new features, it is 1. not as difficult for him to locate a station in his area of the country he is traveling in and 2. has helped my peace of mind for his safety. I can know in advance of bad weather in thanks to cable television and our computer...but he has not had the benefit, as we don't talk on the phone while he is driving. I can not let him know of bad weather, or of a traffic accident he is heading for.

Yes, he has the ability to find AM radio stations....but that means that if I am not traveling in the truck with him, he is forced to mess around with the dial of the radio...while still trying to perform a safe and professional job of driving. The XM radio has made it possible with the simple touch of 1 button to hear traffic and weather updates for him.

More importantly, this has also helped him to "pre-trip" plan his deliveries. He can hear an hour ahead if there is a delay on the road ahead. Again, he could hear this on AM, but only if there is an AM station in the area for him to listen to! Then, we go through the issue of his finding the station once again. XM Radio has helped him to be able to make on time delivery more of a GAURANTEE to his company we are leased on with, and to the customer. Hence, helping his company keep good contacts with their customers and my husband keep good face with his company. They know they can rely on my husband to get the job done. Yes, he was able to do this prior to XM Radios addition of traffic and weather updates, but this feature has helped him none the less.

More importantly, we PAY for our XM Radio. We PAY to have features added to XM to better our lives. We PAY to gaurantee my peace of mind, knowing that my husband knows when bad weather is ahead or behind of him. We PAY to listen to no commercials break in and disrupt the announcement of new traffic delays in major cities. I am sure you all know that it is not a joyous task of driving through New York, Chicago, L.A., or any other large city with your own personal vehicle. Add a trailer on to a moving vehicle, crazy drivers, road raged drivers, and the conditions worsen. This service from XM Radio has helped to avoid many over crowded, backed up roads in major cities. This way, not only getting my husband away from the "crazies" already upset over the delay, but avoiding a delay in his delivery or just his own travel through the major cities on his way to deliveries.

I know you have alot to think about, and many different view points coming to you as well. I only hope that you will take into consideration the view point of the people who rely most heavily on Satelllite Radio. Those people who do not normally live or purposely travel through certain parts of states. My husband, along with many other listeners of Satelllite Radio would not be going through New York at anytime, let alone a "rush hour" time of day if they could help it. The Satelllite Radio industry has helped these men and women the most. XM Radio has become a BIG part of our lives. Not only for the entertainment, education, or music. It has also helped to ensure my peace of mind at home.

Thank you for taking the time to "hear me out" so to speak! I only hope that you will think of the issues I have written to you about.

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